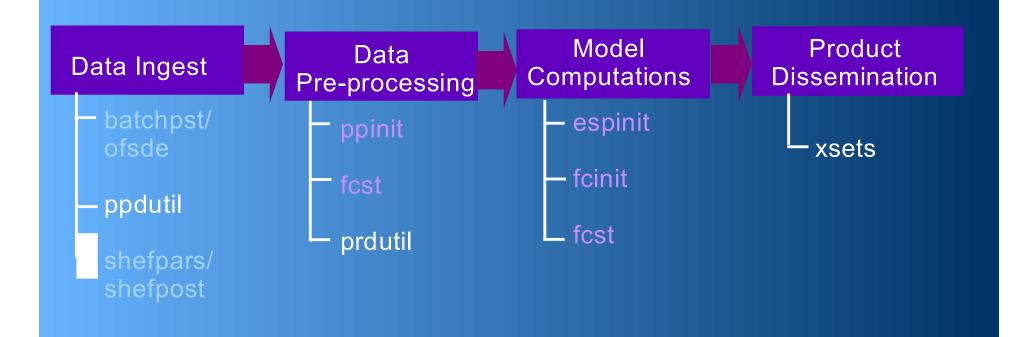
OFS uses a series of programs to manage the river forecasting process



Summary of Functions

- batchpst: posts data to preprocessor database (PPDB)
- espinit: defines the time series and analysis needed to run ESP
- fcinit: defines rating curves, segments, forecast groups and carryover groups
- fcst: defines techniques, functions and procedures; runs the preprocessor and forecasting functions
- filecrat: creates an empty, initialized set of NWSRFS OFS database files
- filesize: calculates the required size for NWSRFS OFS database files

Summary of Functions, continued

- goesdb: creates GOES.CONTROL file used by ppinit. File not used on workstations but must exist.
- ofsde: extracts data from IHFS Informix database and writes it to a batchpst input file.
- ppdutil: manages and displays data in the PPDB
- ppinit: defines users, stations, basins, and areas; runs NETWORK and ORDER, and writes information to PPPDB, PPDB, PDB, and FCDB
- prdutil: manages and displays data in the PDB

Summary of Functions, continued

- reorder: copies all non-obsolete records into an initialized and empty set of files
- sasmdb: creates SASM.CONTROL file used by ppinit. File not used on workstations but must exist.
- shefpars: decodes shef messages in the ofs shef directory and creates the *shefout* file
- shefpost: reads the shefout file and posts data to the fs5files

OFS Implementation Steps

- Create files
 - filesize, filecrat, and prdutil DEFTYPE command
- Create global files
 - ► goesdb, sasmdb, fcst
- Define general user parameters
 - ppinit @DEFINE USER
- Define stations
 - ppinit @DEFINE STATIONS
- Run network command
 - ppinit @NETWORK
- Define basin boundaries
 - ppinit @DEFINE BASIN

OFS Implementation Steps (cont.)

- Define areas for hydromet computations
 - ► ppinit @DEFINE AREA
- Define rating curves
 - ► fcinit DEF-RC
- Define segments
 - ► fcinit SEGDEF
- Define forecast groups
 - ► fcinit FGDEF
- Define carryover groups
 - ► fcinit CGDEF
- Post data to the Preprocessor Database
 - ofsde/batchpst, shefpars/shefpost

OFS Implementation Steps (cont.)

- Run preprocessor functions
 - ► fcst @COMPUTE
- Run forecast function
 - ► fcst @COMPUTE